

**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2008.

By this Amendment, claim 9 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer to its underlying subject matter to expedite the patenting of allowed claim 8. Thus, claim 8 is currently pending in this application. Support for the claim amendments can be readily found variously throughout the specification and the original claims.

In view of these amendments, Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112**


Claim 9 is rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. This rejection has been rendered moot by the cancellation of the rejected claim.

### CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are believed to be clearly patentable over the outstanding rejections. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration of the claims in light of the above remarks is courteously solicited. If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,

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